

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-14. Canceled.

15. (Previously Presented) A magnetic information recording medium, comprising a magnetic recording layer formed on a glass substrate made of a glass containing  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  as essential components, comprising, by mol%, 40 to 75 % of  $\text{SiO}_2$ , 2 to 45 % of a total of  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and 0 to 40 % of  $\text{R}'_2\text{O}$  in which  $\text{R}'$  is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Li, Na and K, wherein the total content of  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{R}'_2\text{O}$  is at least 90 mol%, the glass substrate having no chemical strengthened layer.

16. (Previously Presented) The magnetic information recording medium of claim 15, wherein the glass substrate has a fragility index value, measured in water, of  $12 \mu\text{m}^{-1/2}$  or less.

17. (Previously Presented) The magnetic information recording medium of claim 15, wherein the glass substrate has a fragility index value, measured in an atmosphere having a dew point of  $-5^\circ\text{C}$  or lower, of  $7 \mu\text{m}^{-1/2}$  or less.

18. (Previously Presented) The magnetic information recording medium of claim 15, wherein the glass substrate has a fragility index value, measured in water, of  $12 \mu\text{m}^{-1/2}$  or less and a fragility index value, measured in an atmosphere having a dew point of  $-5^\circ\text{C}$  or lower, of  $7 \mu\text{m}^{-1/2}$  or less.

19. (Previously Presented) The magnetic information recording medium of claim 15, wherein the glass substrate has a  $B_2O_3$  content of 1 to 25 mol%.

20. (Previously Presented) The magnetic information recording medium of claim 15, wherein the glass substrate has a  $B_2O_3$  content of 2 to 20 mol%.

21. (New) A glass substrate for an information recording medium, comprising, by mol%, greater than 65 %, as a total, of  $SiO_2$  and at least one of  $B_2O_3$  and  $Al_2O_3$ , the content of  $B_2O_3$  being 1 to 25 %, 0 to 20 % of RO in which R is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Mg, Ca, Zn, Sr and Ba, 0 to 28 % of  $R'_2O$  in which R' is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Li, Na and K, 0 to 10 % of  $TiO_2$  and 0 to 10 % of  $ZrO_2$ , the total content of said components being at least 95 mol%, and having a fragility index value, measured in water, of  $12 \mu m^{-1/2}$  or less.

22. (New) A glass substrate for an information recording medium, comprising, by mol%, greater than 65 %, as a total, of  $SiO_2$  and at least one of  $B_2O_3$  and  $Al_2O_3$ , the content of  $B_2O_3$  being 1 to 25 %, 0 to 20 % of RO in which R is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Mg, Ca, Zn, Sr and Ba, 0 to 28 % of  $R'_2O$  in which R' is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Li, Na and K, 0 to 10 % of  $TiO_2$  and 0 to 10 % of  $ZrO_2$ , the total content of said components being at least 95 mol%, and having a fragility index value, measured in an atmosphere having a dew point of  $-5^\circ C$  or lower, of  $7 \mu m^{-1/2}$  or less.

23. (New) A glass substrate for an information recording medium, comprising, by mol%, greater than 65 %, as a total, of  $SiO_2$  and at least one of  $B_2O_3$  and  $Al_2O_3$ , the

content of  $B_2O_3$  being 1 to 25 %, 0 to 20 % of RO in which R is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Mg, Ca, Zn, Sr and Ba, 0 to 28 % of  $R'_2O$  in which R' is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Li, Na and K, 0 to 10 % of  $TiO_2$  and 0 to 10 % of  $ZrO_2$ , the total content of said components being at least 95 mol%, and having a fragility index value, measured in water, of  $12 \mu m^{-1/2}$  or less and having a fragility index value, measured in an atmosphere having a dew point of  $-5^\circ C$  or lower, of  $7 \mu m^{-1/2}$  or less.

24. (New) A glass substrate for an information recording medium, comprising, by mol%, 40 to 75 % of  $SiO_2$ , 2 to 45 % of  $B_2O_3$  and/or  $Al_2O_3$ , the content of  $B_2O_3$  being 1 to 25 %, and 0 to 40 % of  $R'_2O$  in which R' is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Li, Na and K, wherein the total content of  $SiO_2$ ,  $B_2O_3$ ,  $Al_2O_3$  and  $R'_2O$  is at least 90 mol%.

25. (New) The glass substrate for an information recording medium as recited in claim 24, having a fragility index value, measured in water, of  $12 \mu m^{-1/2}$  or less.

26. (New) The glass substrate for an information recording medium as recited in claim 24, having a fragility index value, measured in an atmosphere having a dew point of  $-5^\circ C$  or lower, of  $7 \mu m^{-1/2}$  or less.

27. (New) The glass substrate for an information recording medium as recited in any one of claims 21 to 23, wherein the content of  $B_2O_3$  is 2 to 20 %.

28. (New) The glass substrate for an information recording medium as recited in any one of claims 21 to 24, having a Young's modulus of at least 70 GPa.

29. (New) The glass substrate for an information recording medium as recited in any one of claims 21 to 24, having a modulus of rigidity of at least 20 GPa.

30. (New) The glass substrate for an information recording medium as recited in any one of claims 21 to 24, which is made of a glass having a region wherein the glass has a viscosity of at least 1 Pa·s, in a range of temperatures equivalent to, and higher than, a liquidus temperature of the glass.

31. (New) The glass substrate for an information recording medium as recited in any one of claims 21 to 24, which is made of a glass having a thermal expansion coefficient of  $60 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$  or greater at a temperature of from 100°C to 300°C.

32. (New) The glass substrate for an information recording medium as recited in any one of claims 21 to 24, which is devoid of a chemically strengthened layer.